



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

815 ILCS 505/200 new

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Requires a person who promotes or stages a professional wrestling performance at a facility in this State to post signs at every entrance to the facility in such a manner that at least one of the signs is clearly visible to each person who enters the facility for the purpose of watching the performance. Provides that the signs shall contain a specified warning against copying the performers. Provides that a violation is an unlawful practice within the meaning of the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning business transactions.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
5 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 200 as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/200 new)

7 Sec. 200. Professional wrestling.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "professional wrestling" means
9 noncompetitive unarmed fighting or combat:

10 (i) in which 2 or more participants execute blows,
11 throws, or holds to the body of the opponent; and

12 (ii) which is staged primarily for the purpose of
13 providing entertainment to spectators rather than as a bona
14 fide athletic contest.

15 (b) Whenever members of the public are admitted to a
16 facility in this State where professional wrestling is to be
17 performed, the person who promotes or stages the performance
18 must post signs at every entrance to the facility in such a
19 manner that at least one of the signs is clearly visible to
20 each person who enters the facility for the purpose of watching
21 the performance. The sign shall contain the following statement
22 in black 72-point type capital letters on a white background:

23 "PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING PERFORMERS ARE TRAINED TO AVOID
24 HURTING EACH OTHER. IF YOU COPY THESE PERFORMERS, YOU MAY CAUSE
25 SERIOUS INJURY OR SUFFER SERIOUS INJURY."

26 (c) Any person who violates this Section commits an
27 unlawful practice within the meaning of this Act.